

Mansfield Board of Education Meeting
January 24, 2008
Minutes

Attendees: Mary Feathers, Chair, Chris Kueffner, Secretary, Dudley Hamlin, Martha Kelly, Mark LaPlaca, , Katherine Paulhus, Superintendent Gordon Schimmel, Director of Finance Jeffrey Smith, Board Clerk, Celeste Griffin

Absent: Gary Bent, Min Lin, Shamim Patwa

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Ms Feathers, Chair.

II. Approval of Minutes - **MOTION** by Mr. Kueffner, seconded by Mr. LaPlaca to approve the minutes of the 1-17-08 meeting. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

III. Hearing for Visitors – None

IV. Communications – The proposed 2008-2009 school calendar was distributed.

V. Addition to Present Agenda – Dr. Schimmel asked to add a report on the middle school visits to China and Germany.

VI. Committee Reports – None

VII. Report of the Superintendent: Dr. Schimmel informed the Board that the Mansfield Public Schools was received a School Security Competitive Grant. Next steps will be discussed at the February 7, 2008 meeting.

- A. **Health Insurance and Benefits** –Mr. Steve May, Milliman Inc., reported on the Town's employee health insurance and benefits.
- B. **Redistricting** – The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent discussed alternatives for redistricting the elementary schools. The district will continue to monitor district/school enrollment and continue to review individual building class size, adjusting staff and program space annually.
- C. **Mansfield Middle School's China and German Exchange** – Mr. Cryan discussed the upcoming trips and the revised parent permission form for parent/student funded field trips abroad.
- D. **Budget Review – District Management/Special Education/Support** – The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Finance, Comptroller, and Director of Special Education and Student Support Services reviewed the 2008-2009 proposed budget sections.
- E.

VIII. Hearing for Visitors – None

IX. Suggestions for Future Agenda – None

- X.** Executive Session – Superintendent Search - **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus move into Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor. **MOTION** by Mr. Hamlin, seconded by Mrs. Paulhus to return to open session at 10:48 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.
- XI.** Adjournment - **MOTION** by Mr. LaPlaca, seconded by Mrs. Kelly to adjourn at 10:49 p.m. **VOTE:** Unanimous in favor.

Celeste N. Griffin, Board Clerk